



# Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma, NE

Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with JD Schluntz, Max Schultz, Lonny Hanna, Rodney Metzger, Doug Horwart, Traci Dietz, and Gary Dunse. Also in attendance were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson, Harlan County Treasure Diane Grotfeld, Manuela Wolf, Harlan County Hospital and Cathy House from the Harlan County Journal. Chairman Horwart called the meeting to order and stated that there is a copy of the open meetings act posted in the room and will be followed by the Board. Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceeding while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Chairman Horwart called for a moment of silence in memory of Lynette Brown, Harlan County Extension Educator. (Lynette passed away Sunday February 15, 2015).

Minutes from the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Chairman called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by M. Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna to approve as written. Roll call votes, District # 1-Abstain, District #2-Yes, District # 3-Yes, District # 4-Yes, District # 6-Yes, District # 7-Yes, District # 5-Yes. Motion carried.

Clerk presented monthly claims. After Board review, motion was made by Hanna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Metzger to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Manuela Wolf, CEO Harlan County Hospital joined the meeting. No financials were submitted to the Board. Manuela will bring (3) months at the next meeting as they are in the middle of having audits. Manuela reported a new PA has signed on with the hospital, new manager with New West, and the Foundation Board is reorganizing and with future fund raising plans.

Discussion moved to the Veterans Checking Account. County Attorney provided Resolution 2015-#1 ( a complete copy is available in the Clerk's Office) this resolution will authorize the County Treasure to move the existing funds to a committed fund account, (committed Veterans Aid Fund, #1900). Resolution 2015-#2- Committed Veterans Aid Fund, (a complete copy is available in the Clerk's Office) This resolution authorizes the County Treasure to use the petty cash fund for Veterans Aid Expenditures so long as there are funds available.

Discussion was held on funds being dispersed with Board approval, allowing a certain dollar



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amount. Motion was made by Hanna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Schultz to approve both Resolutions 2015-#1 and 2015-#2. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson came before the Board. He would like to re-open the Mascot route operator position. Road Committee had met and conducted interviews for the “foreman floater position”. At this time Troy Collins is recommended for the position. (No current road employees applied.) Starting wage would be \$15.00, moving to \$17.00 / 17.50 after (6) month probation. Motion made by M. Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna to approve the new hire. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Harlan County Tourism requested permission to put a recreational canoeing sign along the Republican River near Firefly Road. Motion made by Metzger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dietz to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Short discussion was held on the corrected 1& 6 year plan, also the 2014 Year End Gravel/Dirt work.

Supervisor Hanna brought to the Board the request to move ahead with the Veteran’s Training offered in North Platte, Ne. Deadline for signing up is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Hanna has been in contact with Gary Berry, VSO Vice –President in Nebraska. Nebraska is lucky to have local training this year. Internal posting of the job, Harlan County website, along with ad in the Harlan County Journal are taking place now. Hanna feels this is a priority to get a VSO for Harlan County. Motion was made by M. Schultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hanna to proceed with a new VSO/training. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk presented the Board with Planning and Zoning appointments. After Board review, motion made by Dunse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Schultz to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting moved to Board of Equalization. County Assessor had gone to lunch. Tax list corrections will be held at the next meeting. With no one from the public to address the Board, Chairman Horwart adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

March meetings will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Attest,

Janet Dietz, Harlan County Clerk

Doug Horwart, Chairman

**CLAIMS**



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## **General Fund**

Buffalo County Sheriff, fees, mental health board, \$53.22; Brandon Brinegar, fees, mental health board, \$75.00; Janet Dietz, mileage, Kearney, District Court, \$126.50; Michael Lawson, fees, mental health board, \$75.00; Stephen Lowe, fees, mental health board, \$75.00; Main Street Media, print/publ. \$139.16; Sharon Mauler, fees, mental health board, \$75.00; Michael Mefferd, fees, mental health board, \$75.00; Republican Valley Animal Center, dogs, \$75.20; Cheryl Stabenow, fees, mental health board, \$60.00; Twin Valley Public Power District, utilities, \$81.97; United Health Care, insurance, \$12,340.09.

## **ROAD FUND**

United Health Care, insurance, \$4,535.63.

## **TOURISM**

Audubon Nebraska, special projects, \$20.00; Harlan County Journal, ad, \$96.00; Navigator's, special project, \$150.00.

## **Communication Equipment Sinking Fund**

Johnson Control's, AC/heating equip, \$39,570.00. Office Solution's, equip, \$819.80.

## **Inheritance Tax**

United Health Care, ins, \$3,574.45